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1. AMBASSADOR DRAMANE OUATTARA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OAU DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS, PAID BRIEF GET-ACQUAINTED CALL ON AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 16 AFTER RENEWING HIS U.S. VISA. OUATTARA IS CAREER DIPLOMAT SECONDED FROM MALIAN FOREIGN SERVICE TO OAU POST, WHICH HE HAS HELD SINCE 1973. HE WAS PASSING THROUGH BAMA KO ENROUTE TO LOME FOR OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING NEXT WEEK.

2. IN RESPONSE GENERAL QUESTION AS TO LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AT LOME CONFERENCE, OUATTARA SAID MEETING WAS REALLY SET UP TO CONSIDER OAU BUDGET. AS WAS INEVITABLE WHEN FOREIGN MINISTERS GOT TOGETHER, HOWEVER, POLITICAL QUESTIONS WOULD SURELY BE DISCUSSED. HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD TAKE UP RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND DJIBOUTI. IT WAS ALSO POSSIBLE, THOUGH HE INDICATED GREAT UNCERTAINTY ON MATTER, THAT WESTERN SAHARA WOULD BE RAISED BECAUSE ALGERIA WAS GETTING EDGY OVER LACK
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OF MOVEMENT ON EXTRAORDINARY OAU SUMMIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MIGHT NOT COME UP BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE NOW TALKING IN TERMS OF MEETING ON SAHARA APRIL 15.

3. OUATTARA ADDED THAT SOMALIA MIGHT PROPOSE AT LOME THAT EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT BE HELD AT ADDIS ABABA IN ORDER EMBARRASS ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. SINCE NO ONE

WOULD AGREE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF DIFFICULT SECURITY SITUATION
THERE, SUDAN AND SOMALIA WOULD GAIN ADDITIONAL ARGUMENT
FOR CAMPAIGN TO MOVE OAU HEADQUARTERS OUT OF ADDIS.

4. OUATTARA IS GENIAL AND APPROACHABLE AND SPEAKS
FLUENT ENGLISH AS WELL AS FRENCH.
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